

I am appalled at  
Sinclair  
Broadcasting's  
decision to force  
their stations to  
air an anti-Kerry  
'documentary' days  
before the election.

This a prime  
example of the  
dangers of media  
consolidation.

Sinclair uses the  
public airwaves free  
of charge, and is  
obligated by law to  
serve the public  
interest. But when  
large companies  
control the  
airwaves, we get  
more of what's good  
for the bottom line  
and less of what we  
need for our  
democracy. Instead  
of something  
produced at "News  
Central" far away,  
it's more important  
that we see real  
people from our own  
communities and more  
substantive news  
about issues that  
matter.

Sinclair's actions  
show why we need to  
strengthen media  
ownership rules, not  
weaken them. They  
show why the license  
renewal process  
needs to involve  
more than a returned  
postcard. Thank you.

I would appreciate  
you addressing this  
issue, not only with  
Sinclair, although  
they are the  
immediate concern,  
but with other large  
companies who have  
control of many  
media markets and  
can also force  
stations under their  
management to feed  
the public what  
'THEY' deem in their  
best interests.

Thank you for your  
attention to this  
matter.

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